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1.	The Hungarian Government, although it misses no opportunity of proclaiming the
	success of the Five-Year Plan and of making pronouncements about preduction
	figures, has kept the real number of tractors in Hungary a secret.

The reason for this is, that the number of tractors and tractor drawn trailers available is a military secret, since the agricultural tractor stations are regarded as "complementary to the national defense organization" and as such come within the competence of the Territorial Defense Command, from whom they receive orders in case of an emergency.

- 2. Practice mobilizations, involving tractors, have already been carried out in various parts of the country. The importance of the tractor and service stations to the tactical movements of the Hungarian and Soviet troops, became apparent in the course of these exercises. Hungary at the present has 750 tractor stations, to which must be added those on governmental farms. The smallest stations (the "t" type) has 12 tractors. Stations of types "A" and "B" comprise 22 tractors and 16 tractor drawn trailers.
- 3. The establishment of the Ministry of Agriculture provides for 26 permanent schools for tractor drivers. Each course at these schools is attended by up to 82 pupils. Training lasts four weeks, but since the beginning of this year the training period has been extended by one week, during which tractor drivers, who have since successfully passed the test, are taught to drive tanks. 35% of the tractor drivers are women.

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